

1. "You ran an excellent meeting - very informative. I don't like the state telling the county what to do. The legislation by Sup. Sanfelippo gives too much power to the county executive.
"You cannot compare LA County with Milwaukee County.
"Theo is a good man but I'm not sure that everyone on the County Board works as hard as he does.
"We could cut the Board in half but make them full time. That would be a good compromise. I would like to see a compromise on this bill. Both sides have good ideas but both can be a little disingenuous."
2. Does not like Rep. Sanfelippo's ideas. He feels that wages, staff, etc. should stay the same.
3. "I am also concerned about the much increased powers of the County Executive because we have history of checks and balances in our government that San Felippas (sic) legislation dilutes by concentrating so much power in Co. Exec. Likewise it is easier for money to be used to influence one position (Co. Exec) rather than entire board."
4. "I am shocked that the state is trying to dictate to local political entities. Local government should stay in local control. AB85/SB95 smacks of paternalistic authoritarianism. This legislative maneuver appears to enable political but not people-centered governance. I am not in support of this legislation."
5. "The existing board gives the impression that they do not want change. Remember, I pay your wages and benefits. The Money Tree you think exists is dying. The Supervisors went to the cookie jar for pensions and benefits. I don't want to pay anymore."
6. "I oppose AB85. It is big government intruding in local government."
7. "Thank you for the forum. I am very much in opposition to the bill AB85. I believe that my voice will be taken away and that the county executive will have too much power."
8. "Do not want state government telling county government how to operate."
9. "Term length should be 4 years—it saves money on numerous elections and gives supervisors more time to implement programs."
10. "My opinion: Milwaukee County, because of its size and large numbers of people and diverse problems, needs a full time board. Milwaukee County Government needs checks and balances. The State of Wisconsin should not be involved in Milwaukee County government. The citizens of Milwaukee County should have the only power to request/demand county government changes."
11. "Lifelong resident of Milwaukee County – I fully support the bill 1340. The board needs to consider this. Our economy has forced all of us to reconsider our budgets. You need to work within your means and the means of the county. We can't keep going in the same direction. Thank you for the discussion."
12. "Why should the state be able to take away local control by limiting local governments' ability to set their own tax levies?"
13. "Sup. Lipscomb does not present a good case: (1) There are 2 yr. elections already scheduled—no additional cost. (2) He uses a biased newspaper to state case not actual facts and figures. (3) Personal attacks. (4) Implications without facts."

14. "I consider this a corporate takeover of Milwaukee Co., as the GMC, Sanfelippo and Abele are the people who want the bill. The people never asked to do any of the changes in governance by their constituents. The changes in this bill are a diminishment of the democratic process."
15. "Terrible Bill!!!! Vote against it. What happened to "local" control?"
16. "Anyone would vote to cut someone else's pay. Do this with all All ALL elected officials or drop the idea."
17. "Object to State dictating only to Milwaukee County—self determination. Too much power in hands of County Executive—need balance of power. All other counties have county board involved in bargaining—not county exec. only. Again need checks and balances. Need to keep pay – if reduce, won't allow common people to be supervisors."
18. "SB85 destroys our representative board and replaces it with a county exec. with many dictatorial powers. Example, He can call a Board meeting with only 2 days notice and name a place."
19. "VOTE NO. No to privatization and parceling out county assets to rich people."
20. "Keep 4 year term. Full time position—fewer supervisors (12). No further powers for Co. Executive. \$50,000. contract review--\$100,00 too high."
21. "I am in favor of AB 85."
22. "I support retaining the County Board of Supervisors as they currently operate. There must be a system of checks and balances. The State Bills AB85 and SB 95 moves (*sic*) too much power to the county executive."
23. "Interesting information. County Executive would have too much power! Supervisors do a great job. County Exec. should be directed by Supervisors."
24. "If job were shortened to part time at \$24,000, I'd want that supervisor to truly work part-time hours. Is that possible? And every supervisor better have other income. \$24,000 is too little."
25. "Thank you for conducting this forum. I appreciate county services—especially the parks, libraries, transit and maintenance. I DO NOT approve of the proposed bill. We need to value and compensate the work our supervisors do."
26. "Making changes to the county board is OK—as far as the current board members have input in the decisions. The County Exec. needs to be able to be "balanced" by the county board members. He should not have absolute power. All counties should follow the same rules. What changes in Milwaukee County should be applied to all county boards."
25. "Structure should be applied to every county in Wisconsin, should not be targeting Milw. County. Keep full time County Supervisors. Come out with clear organizational structure. No referendum. May

want to consider revision of boundaries for fewer supervisors. Supervisors need to maintain staff for their office.”

27. “Sanfellipo’s (sic) bill would not be necessary if the board had exercised any control on finances over the years. The county govt. budget is now higher than needed, and the board has taken little or no action to reduce its budget. Now threatened, the board says it will take action on its own. I doubt it. I don’t agree fully with the bill, but I support it.”

28. “I am very concerned about the corruption of our entire “democratic” political system by the influence of money. . . So much power to Abele concerns me that he will support the interests of wealthy movers and shakers rather than the bulk of the population, which includes again many people who are relatively disadvantaged. . . I’m also concerned about the much increased powers of the County Executive because we have a history of checks and balances in our government that Sanfelippo legislation dilutes by concentrating so much power in the County Exec position. Likewise it is easier for money to be used to influence one position (County Exec) rather than the entire County Board.”

29. “I got your postcard today about the public meeting about restructuring County government which I think I oppose pretty strongly.”

30. “Thank you, Ms. Jursik, for coming to So. Milw. on April 4. I was unable to attend, but heard it was informative. I personally believe the board could properly function part time with pay adjustment accordingly. This would align us with other Wisconsin counties.”

31. “Also, why does the County Board feel they are special compared to the other 71 counties in Wisconsin? It’s time for this Board to wake up and do what is right. We the people in Milwaukee County are awake and we are watching. Thank you.”

32. “I am even more concerned, even outraged, that this bill will be decided upon by a referendum that concerns only one aspect of AB 85 that will change the decision-making process about a wide range of issues that will affect the lives of virtually every resident in a variety of ways. Indeed, when I attended a listening session in South Milwaukee last week, which by the way I thought was very well organized and run by my County Supervisor, Pat Jursik, I was astonished by the breadth of issues that this legislation will affect. Yet many voters will have little, if any, information about this when they vote for what is presented on the ballot, i.e., whether to cut the pay of the supervisors. Instead I see it as a broad transfer of power to the County Executive’s office, in this case Abele.”